

## LAZARUS RESTORED.

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Text of this Lesson, John xi, 21-44—Commemorative Verses, 43, 44—Golden Text, John xi, 23—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stevens.

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"Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

Some of the facts of the previous part of the chapter are that Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus very well; that Lazarus, in the absence of Jesus, slept and laying, yet hastened not to him; but, and that sickness and temporal death were for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby; verse 4. When Jesus came, he first Lazarus, lying dead and buried, Martha goes out to meet Him, and this is her greeting: "Some believe that Jesus comes to us in death, but Martha believed that the coming of Jesus would have prevented death, and she was right." See chapter xxi, 22, 23.

"But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee."

"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again."

He did not say "Thy brother has already risen," for resurrection and judgment take place at death, as some great men teach today. He taught the resurrection of the body from the grave chapter vi, 28, 29. There were of any who like Hymenaeus and Philetus who would lead you astray by teaching that the resurrection is past already (1 Tim. 4, 15, 18).

"Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believe in this."

There is a second death, the lake of fire, reserved for all whose names are not in the Book of Life (Rev. xx, 14, 15). No true believer shall ever come to this. As to the separation of soul and body for a time, generally called death, Jesus taught His followers not to fear it at all (Matt. x, 28; John xvi, 20). Two men are now mighty who never tasted even this death, but whose bodies changed in a moment, went with their spirits to heaven. So shall it happen to all true believers who shall be alive on the earth at the coming of Christ in the air (1 Thess. iv, 16-17; 1 Cor. xv, 52).

"She saith unto Him, Yes, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."

So-called Peter on two different occasions (Mark xvi, 16; John xxi, 22) and so also his friends made haste and came down and received Him joyfully, and he found sorrow (Luke xxi, 6, 9). Coming unto Him and abiding with Him will meet all the need of every human soul.

"Now Lazarus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met Him."

"As soon as she heard she arose quickly and came unto Him."

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"The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goes unto the grave to weep."

"When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled."

"And saith, Where have ye laid him?" They said unto him, Come hither, and see."

"He knew whence they had him; but he would have us tell him, that he would have us weep over our sorrows and point them out to him; that he might come unto us the last enemy, death, shall be destroyed (1 Cor. xv, 25). And he now goes to give a forewarning of what shall follow."

The same is to be in the Bible, but who can furnish it. The son of God in tears, "Thou hast said, Jesus, before he had been born."

In most manifested itself, it is said, and we often used to speak of it. Look then causes of wars and diseases."

"And some of them said, Is not this the man which spake of the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man was cast out?"

A FRENCHMAN DISAPPEARS

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A Frenchman drops out to Bemont's Italian Eatery street about two weeks ago and has for a week's time had lodgings.

After a stay of two days the man suddenly disappeared.

He was a tall, thin man, and the Father of the house, when he was seen, was

not the man whom spake of the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man was cast out?"

Yes, there was seen, their remaining was right. If he could open blind eyes, he could make sick people well. But he could not do that. That he could make sick people well, and he had induced Lazarus to die and be buried there. His greater power might become known in Bemont's house to the people. It was a good idea, and a good one.

"The next morning, when the story, Martha, the sister of him that was dead, came unto him, he said, Let us go into the neighboring town tomorrow."

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